

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 501 - SB 548

April 29, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires landlords to change the locks of domestic abuse victims, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-111, upon request when the tenant has received a protective order. Requires the landlord to pay the cost of changing the locks related to the initial protective order, but requires tenants to bear the cost of changing the locks related to any additional protective order.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent public housing facilities are impacted by this legislation, there would be a mandatory increase in local government expenditures of an unknown amount dependent upon the extent of initial orders of protection issued. Such mandatory local expenditures could range from amounts considered not significant up to significant recurring amounts exceeding \$1,000*.

Assumptions:

- This bill is not relevant to state government operations.
- Based on information from the Comptroller of the Treasury, the fiscal impact of this bill is not significant with regards to privately-owned housing; however, if public housing units are involved, there is a potential increase in local government expenditures.
- Due to unknown factors, such as the number of public housing units in which a lock will need to be changed, the number of locks in each unit which will need to be changed, and the cost of each change to local government, a precise fiscal impact cannot be determined.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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